

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

The first warm day brings the flies.

Agitating the lawn mower is one way to keep warm.

At any rate the baseball fever is a deadly foe to the hookworm.

Why not have a few girl scouts here and there for variety's sake?

And in the meantime let us not forget that fly swatting time approaches.

Up to date, the outlook for fruit is good. This should cheer up the apple worm.

That Fex which the Moroccan rebels are pillaging has nothing to do with the Shriners.

Use of saccharine is to be prohibited by the government. It is just too sweet for anything.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself" sounds good, but there are times when he won't let us.

Secretary MacVeagh wishes to stop coining \$2.50 gold pieces. The \$20 coin is a much nicer one, anyway.

After two women have talked for half an hour neither of them can recall what started the conversation.

Signs of summer: The straw hat, the boat rocker, the fishless fisherman, perambulators and perspiration.

Philadelphians are accused of being too bashful to tip waitresses. This is where diffidence draws dividends.

At any rate we venture to opine that Bacon will be well done before those scientists get through with him.

"Many a man who sings 'I would not live always' isn't living anyway," says the Philadelphia Inquirer. Not in Philadelphia.

Now the scientist declares that rheumatism is caused by bad tonsils, and we presume, therefore, that those throat is due to soft corns.

Head hunters of the Philippines are somewhat behind the New York young woman who wears her appendix upon her watch chain.

The charge that American society women use liquor to excess would be very hard to prove and no one would believe it anyway.

The man who paid \$50,000 for a copy of the first Bible printed evidently desires to trace that needle's eye story back to its source.

They are catching tigers with fly paper in India now, said tigers having been swatting the natives with mechanical regularity.

Despite the careful tests that have been given their eyes the umpires are about to learn from the bleachers that they can't see anything.

In naming their new dreadnought Peacemaker the Germans at least did better than they would have done had they called it Innocent Bystander.

In spite of the fact that Chauncey Depew calls the United States senate a Poor Man's club we never have heard of a United States senator starving to death.

Walking sticks are looked upon as marks of distinction in Porto Rico. Americans are prone to look upon them as signs of weakness, either physical or mental.

A Chicago professor says there is motion in everything, that the molecules in matter of every kind are always moving. Perhaps he has molecules instead of "wheels."

Fish and oysters transmit leprosy according to a New Orleans scientist. However, the fear of leprosy has not prevented our anglers from taking advantage of the opening of the fishing season.

A Chicago divine tells us that the world of the present day is deeper in sin than it was in the worst days of the Roman empire. Evidently he overlooks the fact that all the world is not like Chicago.

Not in a grouchy spirit but just on general principles, we wish to call attention to the fact that in China the telephone operators answer thus: "How can the insignificant one serve the enlightened master?"

An aged New Yorker, who has been convicted fourteen times as a burglar and served seventeen years in prison, declares that the loot he gathered would not amount to \$20. Sometimes it pays to be honest.

A New York woman has started suit against a hair dresser because her tresses have been dyed green. Green may be a beautiful color, but it is not likely that the lady's neighbors will turn green with envy.

Sparks from a locomotive landed in the midst of a bonnet which bloomed on a Nebraska woman's head and burned the bonnet to a crisp. All of which goes to show that there are various ways of burning up money.

Strange to say, the harem skirt is unpopular in Constantinople. The Turk is guilty of a great many cruel deeds, but he refuses to be held responsible for that atrocity.

Reuben, the educated pig, has shared the fate of the Dutchman's dog in the ditty "that made good sausage meat." Reuben was accidentally put through the grinder. Alas, education doesn't always save us in this perilous world of earthquakes, factory fires, automobiles, reproofers and sausage mill.

## RECIPROCITY AID TO ALL FARMERS

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH CANADA IS VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED BY PRESIDENT.

### LUMBER TRUST ATTACKS IT

Advises Western Economic Society to Be on Guard Against Wiles of the Lumber Trust—Taft Does Not Mince Words in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—President Taft, in a speech before the Western Economic society here, declared the principal opposition to the Canadian reciprocity treaty came not from the farmer, but from the lumber trust and from American manufacturers of print paper.

In one of the most comprehensive addresses that he has ever made on the subject the president outlined some of the methods employed by the opponents of reciprocity and told the farmers they were being "buncoed" by special interests. He said the fate of the agreement rested not so much with the United States senate as with the people of the country.

#### Blames Lumber Trust.

If the farmer and the country at large, he said, could be brought to understand that his treaty was in the interest of the majority of the people he would no longer fear the coming vote in the senate.

The president was not sparing in his words. He told the reasons for the opposition to the treaty by the lumber trust and by the paper manufacturers, and without using any names, scored a New York firm, some of whose members recently appeared at the hearing before the senate finance committee in Washington ostensibly in behalf of the National Grange and objected to the enactment of the agreement. In spite of the forces arrayed against it, the president expressed the belief the agreement would become a law.

The bill, he said, will pass, if it passes at all, because of the force of public opinion.

### FOUR DROWN IN LAUNCH

Three Rescued From Mississippi by Ferry Life Boat—Six Drowned in Utah Lake.

St. Louis, Mo.—Four men were drowned at noon Sunday when a gasoline launch carrying a party of seven men sank 200 feet off the Illinois shore, opposite Davis street.

The dead are: Irwin Dannenbrink, John A. Dietrich, Gus Mastbrook and Charles Totsch.

Overcrowding the stern caused the boat to dip water. To prevent this the entire party rushed to the bow. The boat was going at full speed. The sudden loading of the bow caused the launch to dive under water and sink.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Six persons were drowned in Utah Lake when the launch Balboa, on which 16 persons were attending a party given in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Vera Brown and Edward H. Holmes, capsized. Among the drowned were the prospective bride and bridegroom and two other children of Captain Frank Brown, owner of the launch.

#### To Form New Republic.

Tijuana, Lower California.—The insurgents in Tijuana severed connection with the Mexican Liberal party junta, elected Dick Ferris president of the new Republic of Lower California and decided to await word from General Price before choosing a new general, Price to have the preference if he returns.

#### Bandits Caught in Denver.

Denver, Colo.—Trained to their room in a hotel, two highwaymen made a stand against three detectives, and in the battle which followed one of the bandits, James Lynch, was perhaps mortally wounded. Frank Ince, a companion of Lynch, was taken into custody.

#### Political Workers to Jail.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A police lieutenant, two sergeants and two Republican political workers were each sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge Wilson on the charge of conspiracy to unlawfully imprison reform election workers.

#### Former Auditor Indicted.

Garner, Ia.—Thomas Duff, former county auditor, at present state oil inspector, has been indicted by the grand jury on four separate counts in connection with his work as county auditor. Bond was placed at \$2,000.

#### Three Drown in River.

McAlester, Okla.—After floating 20 hours on a log in a flooded stream, Mrs. Sallie Tripp, who, with her mother, brother and two sisters, was swept into the Canadian river by a freshet, was rescued.

#### Arrest School Cashier.

Minneapolis, Minn.—J. D. Bren, cashier of the University of Minnesota, who reported that he had been robbed by three men of \$14,000 near the campus, was placed under arrest, charged with embezzlement.

#### Cotton Men at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo.—Delegates from many cotton growing states were in Kansas City attending a session of the National Expeller Cotton Seed Crushers' association. Robert Koye of Mineral Wells, Tex., presided.

#### Lake Vessel on Fire.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Fire started in the steamer Northwest, lying at the breakwater, and was totally wrecked. The steamer is the largest passenger boat on the Great Lakes, and is valued at more than \$1,000,000.

## THE MAN WITH THE HOOK



In the first federal anti-trust proceedings brought under the Sherman law as interpreted by the Standard Oil decision, the department of justice filed suit in the United States court in New York the other day against the smaller constituent organizations of what the department of justice calls the "lumber trust," alleging the existence of a widespread conspiracy, "unreasonably" to restrain the lumber trade in this country.

### SPLIT OVER WOOL FIGHT

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS PREDICT BREAK IN PARTY.

Measure Is Expected to Be Adopted in Form It Left the Committee—Debate Next Week.

Washington, D. C.—A prediction was made by several of the leaders in congress of both parties that the re-education of Wm. J. Bryan on the wool schedule by the unanimous vote of the Democratic caucus may mark the beginning of a serious break in the party ranks. Politicians expect to see the fight carried ultimately into the Democratic national convention.

Under the present plans of the house leaders the woolen schedule will be brought up for general debate next week. It is expected the debate will continue for two weeks. It will then be taken up under the five-minute rule and amendments will be considered. The action of the caucus, however, makes it absolutely certain that the measure will be passed in exactly the form in which it left the ways and means committee.

According to Chairman Underwood, the proposed wool tariff represents an estimated reduction, based on last year's imports of a little more than \$1,400,000 in the revenues.

The duties collected in the past year on wool imports amounted to \$41,904,549, while under the first year of the new duties it is figured the revenue will be \$40,556,200.

### VEB MARK TWAIN HOME

Hannibal Commercial Club Obtains Option on Learning of Plan to Raze Dwelling.

Hannibal, Mo.—The Commercial club has secured a 60-day option on the old Mark Twain homestead, located on Hill street. The club learned that the property was about to be sold, the old building torn down and flats erected on the site. The option was secured immediately and a committee appointed to raise the necessary money to pay for the same. The building is a two-story frame structure, containing six rooms, and is in good repair. It is proposed to move the building into Riverview park as a memorial to the noted humorist, of \$13,826.

### 20 FAMILIES ARE ROUTED

New York, N. Y.—Twenty families were driven in a panic from a tenement house at 38 East Eleventh street by the explosion of a bomb set off in front of the building, which partly wrecked it. Police believe the bomb was the work of Black Hand agents.

### MEMPHIS NEGRO IS HUNG

Memphis Negro Is Hung. Memphis, Tenn.—While a posse of deputy sheriffs was conveying Pat Crump, a negro, charged with attempted criminal assault, to jail they were overpowered by 50 masked men, who lynched the negro.

#### Robs Cashier of \$13,992.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Joseph D. Bren, cashier and accountant of the State university, was held up by three highwaymen on the banks of the Mississippi near the university and robbed.

#### Oil Co. Declared Fraud.

Washington, D. C.—After having sold nearly \$400,000 worth of stock by mail, the Hawaii Pacific Oil Co. of Oakland, Cal., was declared a fraud and a "get-rich-quick swindle" by the postoffice department.

#### Pastor Seeks Rehearing.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Rev. Clyde God, who is serving a four-year sentence in the penitentiary for assisting in the death of Miss Lizzie Gleason, wants the supreme court to grant him a rehearing of his case.

#### De Villars Indicted in Plot.

El Paso, Tex.—Daniel De Villars was indicted by the grand jury here on a charge of complicity in a plot to murder Francisco I. Madero.

#### Paris Negro Decorated.

Paris, France.—A purple ribbon, signifying that he is an officer of public instruction, soon is to be decorated Chocote, a negro who, for 27 years, has been a clown at the Nouveau cirque. The honor is in recognition of Chocote's efforts to amuse the sick children in the hospitals of Paris.

## INTIMATES STEEL REPORT IS HELD UP

GARY TESTIFIES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING INDUSTRY SIX YEARS.

### TELLS HOW TRUST IS RUN

Alleged Report to Be Presented to the President, Magnate Declares—Chairman Stanley Demands Plans of Organization.

Washington, D. C.—That someone has suppressed an exhaustive report on the United States steel corporation, the result of six years' investigation by the bureau of corporations, was intimated strongly before the Stanley steel investigating committee.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, the chief executive officer of the corporation, declared that almost any information he might give is already in the hands of the government.

"The bureau of corporations has for six years been examining our books and records. They have made a most exhaustive review of all of our business and methods," he said. "They must have a mass of documents that would almost fill this room regarding our organization."

#### Chairman Is Surprised.

"What!" demanded Chairman Stanley, plainly astounded. "Do you mean to say that the bureau has been looking at your business from the inside for four or five years?" "Certainly," returned Gary. "I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of dollars it has cost us to aid the bureau in investigating."

Stanley then demanded impressive: "Have you any information as to whether the data gathered by the bureau has been furnished to the president of the United States?"

Attorney R. V. Lindabery, for the steel trust, objects, but Gary insisted on answering.

#### Hopes It Will Be Presented.

"I have no knowledge as to whether the department has furnished this matter to the president," he said. "I have information that this report will be submitted to the president. I hope within the next few months. I do not know whether partial reports have been furnished or not."

Just before the hearing adjourned for the day Stanley sprung another bomb by demanding that Gary outline any plans the steel magnates may have for an international, world-wide organization to control the steel industry throughout the world.

### OHIO JURY FREES DR. NYE

"Not Guilty" Verdict in First Graft Case Will Not Deter Prosecution—Two Cases Pending.

Columbus, Ohio.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the trial of Dr. George B. Nye, representative from Pike county in the assembly, charged with bribery solicitation. Dr. Nye's case was the first of the legislative bribery trials. The next trial will be that of Representative Owen J. Evans of Stark county, which will begin Monday.

There are three other indictments against Dr. Nye. Prosecutor Turner said the first verdict would in no way interfere with the progress of the bribery cases.

The jury took four votes—two 8 to 4 for acquittal, the next 10 to 2, the third 11 to 1 and the final one, which was unanimous.

#### Cotton Condition 87.8.

Washington, D. C.—The area of the cotton crop planted this year, 1911, in the United States, including that already planted and expected to be planted, is about 104.7 per cent of the area planted last year, equivalent to 35,004,000 acres, as compared with 33,418,000 acres, an increase of about 1,586,000 acres or 4.7 per cent, according to a report issued by the department of agriculture.

#### Will to Keep Girl from Convent.

New York City.—The will of Richard H. Clarke, a wealthy lawyer and writer on Roman Catholic subjects, leaves the large income on his residuary estate to his daughter, Mary Ada Clarke, "so long as she shall remain in the world and not become a member of any monastic or religious sisterhood."

#### Sherman to Umpire Game.

Washington, D. C.—Republican and Democratic representatives, captained by "Nicky" Longworth and Ed Webb, will play baseball for charity. Vice President Sherman will umpire.

#### Night Rider Defendants Served.

Paducah, Ky.—The deputy U. S. marshal sent service on seven defendants in a \$30,000 damage suit of Milton Oliver against 100 alleged night riders. One defendant is a county judge of Lyons county.

#### Fugitive's Body Is Found.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A body was found floating in San Pedro harbor and was identified as that of C. W. Caddigan, wanted in Minneapolis on a charge of having operated a gold brick swindle.

#### Slain Over Debt of \$35.

Lexington, Tenn.—Jesse Taylor and Charles Douglas, farmers, quarreled over the payment of a \$35 note. Taylor picked up a fence rail and beat Douglas to death.

#### Santa Fe Official Resigns.

Chicago, Ill.—J. W. Kendrick, vice president, in charge of operation of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, has announced his resignation. His successor is W. R. Storey, vice president, in charge of construction.

## Congressional Notes

In his speech to the senate on the Lorimer inquiry, Senator Stone undertook to develop the attitude of the progressive Republican senators toward the Democratic legislative program. Announcing himself to be an organization Democrat, the Missouri senator said that if the progressives desire to act with the Democrats, they should join the Democratic party. That, he said, would be evidence of good faith which would be worth while.

Germany expressed her willingness to enter negotiations with the United States for a general arbitration treaty along the lines laid down by Secretary of State Knox in the tentative draft of this government's proposal now in the hands of Great Britain and France. Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington, conveyed this information to Secretary Knox and asked him for a copy of the basic proposition of the United States.

As a result of charges laid before the house committee on rules by miners and labor representatives against the coal mine companies and their representatives in the Westmoreland coal fields of Pennsylvania, the committee will permit representatives of the mining companies to appear, and will attempt to sift out some of the facts connected with the pending strike in the coal district.

Representative Charles J. Booher, Missouri member of the house rivers and harbors committee, will take the lead in a campaign at the regular session of congress, convening in December, to obtain appropriations from congress to make the Missouri river navigable above Kansas City, the same as it will be below when the new government project for the lower river is completed.

Theodore Roosevelt has been invited by the house special committee investigating the affairs of the United States Steel corporation to appear before it. The committee has made it optional with Colonel Roosevelt as to whether he will accept the invitation. No subpoena will be served on him and no legal measures will be taken to assure his attendance.

That congress will not conduct an investigation into the arrest and extradition to California, in connection with the Los Angeles dynamiting case of J. J. McNamara, the Indianapolis labor leader, was indicated when the house committee on rules decided to take no action on the Berger resolution providing for such an inquiry.

The treasury made a much better showing for May than it did for April, and its condition, as compared with a month ago, is materially strengthened. The piling up of gold coin and bullion in the vaults continues steadily. A little more than \$1,815,000 is there—the highwater mark for the treasury's gold holdings.

When the three division reorganization of the army goes into effect July 1, Major General Frederick D. Grant will command the eastern division at New York and Major General Arthur Murray the western division at San Francisco. A commander for the central division at Chicago has not been selected.

The decisions of the supreme court in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco company cases will result in a sweeping attempt to obtain criminal conviction of violators of the anti-trust law, according to Attorney General Wickersham, who appeared before the house committee on expenditures.

A proposal that all the churches in the United States unite in a movement to bring together the religious denominations of the world to obtain international peace, was made to President Taft by the Very Rev. W. Moore Edie, dean of Worcester, England. The president said he was much interested.

Col. George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, who arrived in Washington, told President Taft and Secretary of War Stimson that splendid progress is being made on the isthmus. The recent break in one of the dams was a minor affair and the damage was quickly repaired. Criminal prosecution of the officials of the Standard Oil company, the American Tobacco company and their constituent companies is proposed in a concurrent resolution introduced by Senator Pomerene of Ohio.

After six hours of debate the senate ordered a second investigation into the election of William Lorimer as senator from Illinois. The vote was 46 to 20 in favor of the resolution of Senator Martin.

The Democratic caucus of the house unanimously adopted the Underwood bill on revision of the wool schedule of the tariff, thus rejecting the demand of William J. Bryan for free wool.

President Taft was asked by some callers whether he thought the Sherman anti-trust law was antiquated. "No," he replied, "they are just beginning to make it useful."

That the policeman's lot is not a happy one was evidenced when the house passed a resolution by Representative Roddenberry of Georgia, chopping off the official heads of 35 guardians of the capital. The policemen look to the senate to save them, and it is believed it will.

For the first time in the history of the service, it is said the deficit in the post office department has been entirely wiped out, and \$1,000,000 surplus for the current fiscal year, ending June 30 next, is in the treasury to the department's credit.

Representative Hensley of Missouri introduced a bill providing small pensions for all persons who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the civil war or in any military or naval state militia organization that actually served in connection with the federal troops.

Attorney General Wickersham has agreed to appear before the house committee investigating the department of justice. Trust prosecutions that have been inaugurated and others that have not been, will be discussed.

## WESTERN CANADA BEYOND THE PIONEER STAGE

Liberty-Loving People Have All the Liberty the Heart Can Desire Under Canadian Laws.

The New York Commercial of April 19th contained an interesting article on conditions in Western Canada. The following extracts will prove instructive reading to those who contemplate moving to Canada. The writer speaks of land at \$5 to \$18 an acre. As a matter of fact, there is very little land that can be had now at less than \$18 per acre, but when one considers the productive qualities of this land it is safe to say that in two years' time there will be little available land to be had at less than \$30 an acre. Already the free grant lands in the open prairie districts are becoming exhausted and the homesteader has to go farther back to the partially wooded areas. This is no drawback, however. Some prefer this land to the open prairie. A recent publication, issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, and which is forwarded free to applicants by mail by any of the Canadian government agents throughout the United States, says of the newly-opened districts:

Water is always abundant, and wood and fuel are plentiful and the soil that can grow the poplar and the willow as well as the rich grasses that are to be found there can be relied upon to produce all the small varieties of grain with equal success. The New York Commercial article referred to deals more particularly with conditions along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but what is said of one line of railway may with truth be said of the land and the conditions along both the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Pacific. The article says:

"It would be no exaggeration to say that practically all the land along the entire distance traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific system is capable of furnishing homes to those who engage in farming. The lands are of three classes. They may be designated, first, as having special adaptation to the production of grain; second, as having such adaptation to mixed farming, of which live stock will form an important feature, and third, as being mainly adapted to the production of live stock only. On the third class of lands the area is not very large, of the second it is much larger and of the first it is by far the largest.

"As soon as mixed farming shall be generally adopted, land that may now be obtained for from \$5 to \$18 per acre, and even lands open now to free homesteads, will sell for \$50 to \$100 per acre. This is not an extravagant statement. In natural fertility these lands fully equal those of the American corn belt. In variety of production they excel them, and yet the latter sell for \$100 to \$200 per acre. In addition to the grain crops now grown of wheat, oats, barley and rye, much of the land will grow winter wheat when properly prepared. Eighty per cent of the land will grow clover and alfalfa. A still larger percentage will grow field peas, and the entire tillable area will grow good crops of the cultivated grasses, timothy, brome grass and western ryegrass. With these elements what can prevent this region from becoming the main source of food supply of the Empire and Imperial dominions?"

Special stress is laid upon the educational conditions. The writer says: "The foundation of the social fabric of the agricultural country may be said to rest on the efficiency of its school system. Liberty-loving people have all the liberty the heart can desire under Canadian laws. In this regard Western Canada has a system of education based upon the best that can be obtained from the United States or Eastern Canada. Its school system and regulations are second to none. Every boy or girl has a school house brought to his or her doorway. The government is most liberal in its support of higher education. In Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton are to be found excellent colleges and universities, so that the problem of higher education is solved. The provincial agricultural schools, located at Winnipeg and Saskatoon, give practical courses in scientific farming, preparing graduates to take up the responsibilities of farm life.

"The newcomer settling in this favored section will find the social conditions far beyond a pioneer stage. He will find help on every hand. Instead of his going to the 'jumping-off place,' as is often supposed when thinking of Western Canada, he will find himself surrounded by wonderful opportunities for social advancement in a new country fraught with promise."

Dragging Their Hosiery. Little Arlene was familiar with the appearance of the garden hose at home, but when she observed a line of fire hose, with its great length and bulk lying serpent-like in the street, she immediately inquired what it was. Her mother replied that was fireman's hose, and the child went on watching the fire.

In the meantime two additional fire companies dashed up, and these newly-arrived fire fighters were carrying their respective lines toward the burning building, when little Arlene spied them.

"Oh, mamma," she cried, exclaiming her neck out of the crowd, "there comes more firemen dragging their hosiery behind them!"—Lippincott's.

#### Consolation.

Mrs. Newgold (in the picture gallery)—This, Aunt Eunice, is a real old master.

Aunt Eunice—Well, I shouldn't care if it was; it's just as good as some of the new ones.—Life.

Remember, there is a limit to human endurance. The friends who stand up for you may tire in the course of time and proceed to sit down on you.